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The Poisoned Pen by Arthur B. Reeve (1880-1936)

The many adventures of Professor Craig Kennedy were chronicled by Arthur B. Reeve, an American mystery writer who created 82 Craig Kennedy mystery stories. The stories have a very Sherlockian feel – in fact Kennedy has been referred to as the "American Sherlock Holmes." Along with his reporter friend, Walter Jameson, Kennedy uses science to solve crimes and unveil mysteries. *The Poisoned Pen* contains twelve of Kennedy's adventures.

Of interest to the modern reader is Kennedy's use of newly discovered science from his time period – which we take for granted today. The title story features the use of special inks, one which disappears in sunlight and one which appears in sunlight, so that the text on a note found in possession of a murder victim changes completely – making it almost impossible for Kennedy to track down the killer. Each story features a fascinating look at life in the early 20th century.



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